

Re: SB 1091

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

I support passage of this legislation on the ground that individuals who have been punished for their criminal behavior can have their records erased, so that they will not continue to be penalized by having a "record" when applying for work, for licenses, and for insurance, among other circumstances. I appreciate that people with a history of conviction for activity that has since been decriminalized can have their records erased, as well as individuals whose cases did not result in conviction, or were dismissed or "nollied."

I believe we each have a spark of the divine or "that of God" within us and that we each have the right to a life of worth and respect and, when possible, achievement. I support the changes in the criminal code contained in this bill, because these changes will enable individuals opportunities to become productive members of our community, despite having had a "brush with the law" or committing crimes for which they have paid their punishment.

Respectfully,

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